Seminar on Employment Promotion Abroad

764. CHOUDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of Labour be please to state-

(a) whether it is a fact that a regional seminar was held recently, in Delhi, on Employment Promotion, abroad;

(b) if so, whether any common approach was formulated by the participating countries for deployment of workers abroad; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) The Ministry of Labour are not aware of any regional seminar held recently in Delhi for employment promotion abroad.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Decline in working Women

765. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :
SHRI BISHAMBAR NATH PANDE :

W ll the Minister of Labour be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is n decline in the percentage of the working women in the workforce of the country during 1990—92;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures Government have taken to enhance the women's ratio in the working population in the urban areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) The data of women employment for the year 1992 is not yet available. However, the quick estimates collected under the Employment Market Information programme shows an increasing trend in the percentage of the working women to the total employment during the period 1990-91.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Trusts Under Provident Fund

766. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of exemptions given to individual managements to constitute its own trust with workers representation in each region under the Provident Fund Scheme;

(b) what are the salient features of this scheme;

(c) what is the number of such trusts working in Public Sector Undertakings;

(d) what is the number of complaints against such trusts that have been received regarding non-payment of pension, non-remittance and non-conduct of elections;

(e) what is the number of cases where Provident Fund authorities evoked exemption and took over the trusts, year-wise and region-wise; and

(f) what steps are being taken to improve the functioning of such Provident Fund Trusts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Unutilised Funds lying with PF Commissioner

767. SHRI J. S. RAJU:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) what is the surplus fund with Central Provident Fund Commissioner lying unclaimed and unutilised as on date;